

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

EQIP Small Farmer

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| Program: | Ranking Date: | Application Number: |
| Ranking Tool: EQIP Small Farmer | | Applicant: |
| Final Ranking Score: | | Address: |
| Planner: | | Telephone: |
| Farm Location: | | |

National Priorities Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Increase carbon sequestration? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. c. Properly dispose of animal carcasses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in: | |
| 8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Does the applicant meet the following conditions: | |
| 9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

State Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Will sheet and rill erosion above acceptable levels (T) be treated? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will all active gullies be treated? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will cropland be converted to permanent cover? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Is applicant located in an impaired watershed? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Will treatment include installation of an irrigation system? (441, 442) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Will treatment result in adequate watering facilities in each grazing cell? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Will treatment result in livestock being restricted from streams? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Will invasive and/or noxious species be treated? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Will treatment result in conversion to native grasses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Local Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Will the treatment include one or more of the following practices targeting sedimentation? (Critical Area Stabilization - 342, Sediment Basin - 350, Grade Stabilization Structure - 410, Structure for Water Control - 587, Terraces - 600) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will you be treating classic gully erosion on EQIP/SFP acres? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Is the predominant land capability class for EQIP/SFP acres 3 or greater? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Will pest management be used to control any invasive species on EQIP/SFP acres? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Do soil test results on EQIP/SFP offered acres show a pH of less than 6.0? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Was this landowner deferred from last year's applicant list? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Is this the first time applicant has applied for EQIP or SFP assistance? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Land Use:

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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Ranking Score

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| Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score: |
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

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| NRCS Representative: | Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy: |
| Signature Date: | Signature Date: |